

Shelburne Cultural Council DRAFT Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm by Linn Bower.

Members present: Jennifer Bauman, Treasurer, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, Linn Bower, Jacqui Goodman. **Absent:** Owen Bragdon, Eben Sorkin, Barbara Watts.

Members voted to approve the Minutes from the June 14 meeting.

Updates: Linn reported that the Press Release for SCC's Direct Funding method change from Reimbursement had been sent to the Recorder, the Shelburne Town Newsletter, and our Facebook page. A Press Release for announcing the Grant Cycle opening will include Direct Funding notice again and will be sent to the above mentioned outlets as soon as the 2023 allocation is known.

Kit Johnson from Swing Set Singers formally requested a change of venue from Water Street Barn to Buckland Shelburne Community Center. Council voted unanimously to approve the change with the understanding that Marion Scott of the BSCC will confirm the change in writing to the SCC. Kate will notify Kit regarding the Council's vote tomorrow.

SCC gmail account: Jacqui and Jennifer will take over management of the gmail account.

Council reviewed and finalized our 2023 Priorities and Guidelines drafts: The Priorities reflect the results of our student survey, include added emphasis on venue confirmation and project date if known, encourage applicants to apply to all LCCs whose towns' residents will benefit from their program, and include notice of change to Direct Funding as required by MCC. The Priorities clearly state that failure to complete a project as per the Grant Agreement will require the return of funds to the SCC and that failure to do so will jeopardize future funding. The Priorities also make it clear that preference will be shown to local—and locally produced—projects; there are several performance venues and festivals in Shelburne that are trying to establish themselves and Council members feel it is important to give preference to our town residents' efforts when possible. We are also open to the possibility of awarding fewer grants for larger cash amounts in order to provide more substantial support.

The Guidelines are primarily those listed on MCC's website with items in the Priorities repeated as necessary.

Council members finalized both Priorities and Guidelines drafts and voted unanimously to approve them; they will be uploaded to our MCC Smart Simple file before the August 31 deadline.

New Business: A brief discussion raised the question of whether or not we will undertake our own project for 2023—what need we might fill in the community, what collaboration we might form with, say, students and teachers, that might further give our young a prominent voice in our community. Further discussion and decision will take place during our next meeting.

Update regarding recruitment: Members will meet with a prospective member Wednesday morning.

Members were reminded to update, if necessary, their Mass Conflict of Interest requirement.

The next meeting time will be in late Sept.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted by Linn Bower, Treasurer, and Kate Whittaker, Secretary.

